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the bar, are to be congratulated at the nearing completion of a work of so great utility. There is no branch of the law to which ready access is more important. Questions of evidence often arise and demand speedy decision. The encyclopedic method of treating the subject is therefore the method which the trial lawyer needs. Volume 11 brings the subject down through Stamp Acts. Among the important subjects treated in the two volumes are: Principal and Agent, Privileged Communications, Rape, Records, Reformation of Instruments, Relevancy, Refreshing Memory, Res Gestæ. The trial lawyer would do well to study carefully the last three mentioned articles, for they treat of matters which he needs to have at his "fingers' ends."

**A History of Orange County, Virginia**—From its Formation in 1734 (O. S.) to the End of Reconstruction in 1870; compiled mainly from Original Records. With a brief sketch of the beginnings of Virginia, a summary of local events to 1907 and a map. By W. W. Scott, State Law Librarian, Member of the State Historical Society and for ten years State Librarian of Virginia. Richmond, Va. Everett Wadley Co. 1907. Price \$3.50.

County histories are in most instances labors of love: of a value hard to be overestimated, they generally prove more valuable to every one than the author. The present work bears on its face evidences of the love and pride which called it into existence. Its value is unquestioned and the author deserves to reap a reward proportionate thereto. He has succeeded in making dry details interesting, and interesting events entertaining. Written in the smooth, precise, yet vigorous English which characterizes the style of a master, there is a vein of quiet humor permeating the pages, and now and then a gleam of pathos which shows that the author's memories of the old days are yet fresh and young. We can commend it as not only worthy of general perusal, but of distinct usefulness. To Lawyers of the County or those interested in land titles of that section it will give distinct aid in their investigations. We must take issue, however, with the statement that General Sumpter was born in Orange. The site of the cabin in which he was born is about half a mile over the Albemarle line. The writer had this site pointed out to him twenty odd years ago by a man born near the same spot, whose father knew playmates and intimates of Sumpter. His father—Thos. Gilbert, Esq.—died in the early seventies aged one hundred, and claimed to have also known Sumpter's mother and companions of his boyhood, and to have had this cabin—standing during his lifetime—indicated to him as Sumpter's birthplace.